

## **The Canadian Society for Chemistry:**

### **1. The Purpose of Accreditation**

1.1 Accreditation ensures that educational programs have the potential to prepare graduates to practise their profession in a competent scientific manner. It also helps to maintain national standards of education by providing an external audit service for programs, and by promoting the portability of the qualifications of graduates from such programs.

1.2 Accreditation should provide a broad basis for the recognition of acceptable degree programs while allowing differing details and breadth in curriculum development. Thus accreditation identifies to the constituent members of the Canadian Society for Chemistry (hereinafter referred to as CSC), and to other interested parties, those undergraduate degree programs which satisfy the criteria for qualification for membership in the CSC.

1.3 Accreditation also fosters cooperation between educational institutions, and provides a medium for the interchange of ideas between universities and industry.

1.4 Accreditation will apply to individual degree programs leading to Bachelor's degrees, rather than to the Institution or Faculty. This is based on the premise that degree programs of different characteristics are to be found within the same institution.